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CORY T. PERRY PLEADS GUILTY TO THREATENING COMMUNICATIONS

Fort Myers -- Paul I. Perez, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, announced that Cory T. Perry, age 35, plead guilty yesterday to thirty-four counts of an indictment in United States District Court before the Honorable James D. Whittemore, United States District Judge, in Tampa, Florida. Perry pled guilty to making threats against the President of the United States, mailing threatening communications containing a threat to injure the person of another, mailing threatening communications with the intent to extort money, and threatening the use of anthrax as a weapon of mass destruction. At a plea hearing in Tampa yesterday, Perry stated that between July 6, 2001 and October 26, 2002, in Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, he mailed threatening letters to federal officials from the Lee County Jail. Those people included United States District Judge John E. Steele, Chief Assistant United States Attorney Douglas Molloy, and also columnist Cal Thomas.

On the threats against the President of the United States and mailing threatening communications containing a threat to injure the person of another counts, the defendant faces a maximum term of 5 years' imprisonment without parole. On the mailing threatening

communications with the intent to extort money counts, the defendant faces a maximum term of 20 years' imprisonment without parole, and on the threatening the use of a weapon of mass destruction counts, the defendant faces a maximum term of life imprisonment without parole. On each count, the defendant faces a fine of not more than \$250,000. Sentencing is scheduled for April 5, 2004, at 1:30 in Tampa, Florida.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey F. Michelland of the Fort Myers Division of the United States Attorney's Office.

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